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## Rapist's sentence increased after appeal by Solicitor General

# JUSTICE SERVED!



JAILED: Steven Norris

By Suzi Muston

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A RAPIST'S jail sentence has been doubled following an appeal by the Crown Prosecution Service. Steven Norris, 40, of Heygate Avenue, Southend, was given a 10-year jail term at Southend Crown Court in July for four counts of rape.

The CPS said the sentence was unduly lenient and referred the case to the Court of Appeal.

The case was presented in court on Tuesday by the Solicitor General, Robert Buckland QC.

The Court of Appeal increased the sentence in recognition that the original sentences were unduly lenient.

Norris saw his sentence increase to 21 years, with the court ruling that 16 years should be custodial.

Mr Buckland QC said: "Over a long period of time, the offender abused his victim, who was left traumatised by the assaults.

"The offender denied the allegations, meaning the victim had to testify in court.

"I am very pleased that the Court of Appeal has increased the sentence and I hope that this encourages victims of sexual abuse to continue to come forward."

In February, Norris was also convicted of two counts of assault causing actual bodily harm.

The jury could not reach verdicts in relation to four counts of rape and the case was listed for re-trial.

He was convicted of four counts of rape and sentencing was adjourned for reports.

Mr Buckland QC said Norris raped his victim regularly for around three-and-a-half years, sometimes assaulting her at the same time.

On one occasion he pushed his victim from height, causing fractures to both of her feet.

Norris denied all charges of physical violence and claimed the sexual intercourse was consensual.

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# Call for council to act over disabled access to woods

By Suzi Muston

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A MOBILITY scooter user from Leigh-on-Sea said he desperately needs an entry and exit point to Belfairs Woods in Vardon Drive.

At the moment Steve Jordan, 58, is unable to cut across the woods to visit his mother who lives on the other side in Cricket Field Road.

Former BT engineer Steve told the YA: "At the moment there is a kissing gate in Vardon Drive which is impossible for me to get through in a mobility scooter."

"No one in either a mobility scooter or in a wheelchair can get into Belfairs Woods from Vardon Drive as the gate makes this impossible, it's too narrow and you have to turn it as well to gain entry."

Steve was forced into early retirement on the grounds of ill health.

He added: "I'm forced to use a mobility scooter, sometimes I am in so much pain, I am bed-ridden as my limbs ache and they feel as though they are burning up."

"I can't walk much at all now."

At the time of going to press, the YA was waiting for a comment from Southend Council into the possibility of swapping the kissing gate for something more appropriate for Steve and other mobility and wheelchair users.



HELP: Steve Jordan

## ➤ speedread

● **POLICE** are appealing for witnesses after a 19-year-old woman was grabbed by a man as she walked along a road in Shoebury.

It happened sometime between 7.15pm and 7.30pm on Saturday, October 24 in North Shoebury Road at the bottom of the hill near the entrance of Shoebury Park.

The man is described as white, around 6ft tall, was of a muscular, stocky build and was around 50 to 60 years old.

He spoke with a local accent and was wearing a black and grey zipped hooded top with a grey hood that was up.

● **A MYSTERY** Lotto winner, known only as Mrs J from Southend-on-Sea, has become a millionaire without even touching a ticket.

The lucky lady was one of 25 winners of £1million in the Lotto millionaire raffle draw on Saturday October 10, 2015.

Mrs J, who works in admin, said she is was looking forward to spending her winnings and paying off her mortgage.

● **POLICE** investigating a collision between a pedestrian and a car in which a man died in Victoria Avenue, Southend earlier this month are appealing for a particular witness to come forward.

A white man aged around 35-years-old wearing jogging bottoms, got on the number 20 bus at around 7.53pm on October 15 and said he had witnessed the collision between a male pedestrian and a blue Seat Leon.

The bus was a single decker heading for Hullbridge. Following the collision Andrew Richardson, 23, of Balmoral Road, Westcliff, died at the Royal London Hospital on October 17. A 24-year-old man from Southend was arrested and has been released on bail pending further enquiries until January 17.

Call the Serious Collision Investigation Unit on 101 or email collisionappeal@essex.pnn.police.uk with details.

# Cancer patient says charity saved her life

A **CANCER** survivor has credited Southend's Lady McAdden breast care charity for saving her life.

Kim Smith, 55, said she visited her former doctors surgery because she was experiencing a strange sensation in one of her breasts.

She said: "My doctor said it was nothing to worry about and recommended I take evening primrose oil."

"I wasn't at all happy with this diagnosis and told my husband who wasn't happy either."

Several years before this happened, Kim said she was so grateful to the staff at the Lady McAdden charity, she constantly raises money from them. She said: "I recently held a coffee morning and raised £2,555 and I will be hosting another one in Bulphan Village on Friday, October 30 between 10am and 2pm.

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SURVIVOR: Kim Smith

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Fashion journalist and industry favourite, Hilary Alexander OBE, will also be hosting the Olympus Pen Style Studio, where she will be joined by The Clothes Show legend, Caryn Franklin MBE. Every ticket to the show includes a seat in the ALCATEL ONETOUCH Fashion Theatre for a high-energy spectacle of fashion, music and dance, and the chance to see some familiar faces including broadcaster and writer Rick Edwards, television's Jamie Laing and Radio 1 presenters Alice Levine and Gemma Cairney.

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# Southend United fans turn up in numbers to glimpse exciting plans for club's new home 'A stadium to put us on the map'

HUNDREDS of supporters flocked to Roots Hall to view Southend United's plans for a new stadium.

Last week, the *Yellow Advertiser* reported that the club was staging two open days to give residents and fans a chance to see the proposed development.

The sessions, held on Thursday and Friday last week, included an exhibition about the relocation of the club from Roots Hall in Victoria Avenue to Fossetts Farm, Eastern Avenue, Southend.

Blues have played at Roots Hall since 1955 and club bosses said they were thrilled with the number of people who turned up to see the plans.

The scheme will deliver a new stadium for 21,000 fans, incorporating a 131-bed hotel and residential development.

There will be also be 12-screen cinema, shops and restaurants plus soccer domes, one for the community and another for the club's academy.



**FUTURE PERFECT:** Assistant manager Graham Coughlan, left, skipper John White, Noel Hunt, and Adam Barrett, manager Phil Brown and chief executive Steve Kavanagh at Roots Hall. Right, a photo of the plans for the new ground  
Photos by Martin Dalton



THE planning consultant working for Southend United and property firm British Land believes the club are close to moving to their new home, writes **BRIAN JEEVES**.

Mary Power said: "We think it's very close because of the influence of British Land. They are already looking at signing up Cineworld. Retailers will come on board next, but they're not there yet because the scheme is still evolving. We need planning permission first before we can sign up retailers and restaurateurs to the scheme. The programme is to be submitted in December."

## This is a stepping stone and it's why I'm here, says Brown

Blues' chief executive Steve Kavanagh said: "It's important to the whole town in terms of putting us on the map as a 21st century stadium and moving the club forward. We are getting things right on the pitch now and developing that side and we now need the facilities to go with that to allow the club to grow, flourish and develop and to take us on again. It's vitally important that everybody in the town can see

that and get behind it."

Manager Phil Brown explained: "I've seen clubs go from perennial first and second division sides such as Bolton Wanderers in the 80s to providing a platform to get into the Premier League. From a football perspective you always need investment on the field.

"But off the field, if you've got the infrastructure and fabric of a Premier League club, it starts with a new stadium, a fan base,

good quality players and a chairman and manager with ambition.

"I think we've got all that in place, this is just that next stepping stone.

"One of the main reasons I'm here is the promise of a new stadium being built."

He added: "Now we are seeing the fruits of the chairman's labour over the last couple of years. I've just signed a new contract, we've brought in seven new players that have played at a higher level.

"We're not messing around with this division, we are showing signs of ambition of going up again."

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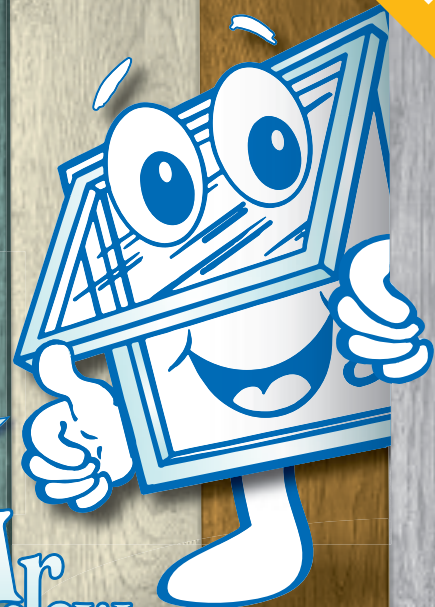
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# Naked rollercoaster riders shed inhibitions for charity

By Suzi Muston

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MORE than £10,000 has been raised thanks to 57 thrill-seekers who shed their inhibitions and their clothes and took part in a naked roller coaster ride.

The brave exhibitionists generated vital funds and awareness for Southend Hospital charitable foundation's Keyhole Cancer Appeal.

The original world record was set by Adventure Island five years ago, when 102 thrill-streakers rode the Green Scream to raise over £20,000 for Southend hospital's Bosom Pals Appeal.

Organisers said people travelled from all over Essex and the UK to take part – with the furthest coming from Edinburgh, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, Gloucester and Swindon.

Many of the original thrill streakers from 2010 also took part in the anniversary even on Sunday.

Adventure Island operations director Andrew Renton said: "It was an absolutely superb day with people all enjoying the chance to do something memorable, good fun and raise a large amount of money for a fantastic, local charity.

"We've heard some amazing

stories from so many who have been directly, or indirectly, affected by cancer and wanted to give something back. I am really proud Adventure Island could offer them this opportunity."

Lucy Thomas-Clayton from Southend Hospital Charitable Foundation said: "It takes a lot of nerve to take off all your clothes in front of complete strangers, plus the world's media – so we would like to say a massive thank-you to everyone who was brave enough to bare all and raise such a huge amount of cash for our vitally important cause."



FUNDRAISER: The naked riders

Photos by Martin Dalton

## ► speedread

● DETECTIVES have appealed for witnesses after a man and his wife were assaulted and robbed of their Chinese takeaway meal as they walked home in Southend.

The couple were in an alleyway between Guildford Road and Prittlewell Street at about 9.30pm on Monday October 19 when two men stopped them and demanded money.

Officers said the men ordered the husband to hand over his wallet but when he refused he was punched and kicked to the ground.

His wife was also assaulted but was able to shout for help.

The attackers then grabbed a bag containing the takeaway food and fled.

The couple, both aged in their 40s and from the local area, were badly shaken but did not need medical treatment.

● THE Leigh-on-Sea branch of The Royal British legion needs volunteers to collect during the poppy appeal.

Leigh fund-raiser Hilary Le Marie said: "We plan to do even better this year. "We need anyone that can volunteer a couple of hours of their time to collect in local streets and shops."

For more details, call Hilary 01702 522678 or lospoppyappeal@gmail.com.



BRAVE: Youngsters brave the cold to raise money

## Sleep out raises money for YMCA

SCHOOL children have been busy all week raising money for Southend's YMCA.

Students at Shoebury school have been hosting fancy dress parties, cake sales, and even braved the chilly weather with a sleep outside event.

YMCA bosses praised the youngsters' efforts. YMCA youth worker Mike Bromfield said: "We are so grateful to all the children at Shoebury school. They even did a sleep out which is amazing and they have raised a lot of money for the YMCA –

although we've not added it up yet.

Southend's YMCA offers supported accommodation to homeless people, helps people find work and helps to educate people who left school without qualifications. The charity has been operating for the last 20 years.

The YMCA helps people who have had traumatic challenges such as homelessness, domestic violence, abuse, poverty, unemployment or mental health problems.

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# Art gallery opens doors for official launch

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Everyone is invited to see the new gallery which was once housed inside Southend library.

The gallery now has its own premises in Elmer Square with its own entrance door next to Southend University inside The Forum.

Eleanor Greig, assistant curator, said: "We recently moved to our own premises which has been very exciting for us.

"We wanted to attract a local audience but also people who specifically want to go to an art gallery, which is why we now have our own space.

"There is adjoining access between the gallery and the library now."

The gallery is funded by Arts Council England and Southend Council.

For more information, email focalpointgallery@southend.gov.uk or call 01702 534108.



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# Over 40s are urged to book 'midlife MoT'

A SOUTHEND GP practice is urging residents to book a free, potentially life-saving NHS health check.

Medics say the NHS health check is an in-depth analysis checking vascular and circulatory health, and in turn weighing up personal risk of developing the illnesses.

Health bosses said patients should think of the NHS health

check as a midlife MoT.

They said it checks the body's most important systems, including other results such as blood pressure, cholesterol and BMI.

The check is available to people between the ages of 40 and 74 who are not already identified as having had a heart attack, stroke, angina or diabetes.

Patients will get their results

straight away.

Dr Marjorie Gillespie is medical director at Care UK, which runs St Luke's health centre in Pantile Avenue on behalf of the local NHS.

She said: "The NHS health check is totally free of charge and assesses your risk of developing heart disease, stroke, kidney disease or diabetes. By taking early action, people can improve their health and

make lifestyle changes to help prevent the onset of these conditions."

St Luke's health centre is open 8am-8pm, 365 days a year for walk-in patients.

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**NEWS**

## Unwanted dogs in need of new home

**By Suzi Muston**

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SCORES of unwanted dogs desperately need a loving forever home.

Wagtails Rescue is a small, non-profit dog rescue based near Southend.

It is dedicated to re-homing any dog given up by people unable or unwilling to care for them any longer.

Wagtails does not have its own kennels but uses local kennels or foster homes until a suitable home can be found.

It tries to re-home dogs from and to Essex and nearby counties, but will if necessary re-home further afield.

The rescue group relies entirely on donations and money received from adoption fees.

These funds are used for boarding, veterinary bills and the general care of the dogs.

Among the many dogs looking for their forever homes are Nell, a six-year-old border collie. She is very affectionate.

Nell is fully house trained. She walks well on a lead, though does pull at first.

Nell is a wonderful girl, but her slight downfall is she will bark at any noises she hears.



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and  
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(above)  
and  
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(right)**

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Sophie is the shy one of the two although she does like to curl up on your lap to be made a fuss of!

Alfie is more playful (sometimes people think he is a puppy) and both dogs love a walk.

Sophie is spayed and Alfie is neutered and both are vaccinated and wormed.

If you would like to offer these adorable dogs a forever home, email [wagtailsrescue@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wagtailsrescue@hotmail.co.uk) or message via facebook.

Sophie and Alfie, both six, are looking for a permanent home together.

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Sophie and Alfie are both good with children although would prefer a home without.

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# Tributes paid to store boss

CHOICE retail legend Con Donovan has died at the age of 81.

Con, who was a firm favourite among staff, customers and VIPs, ended up with the biggest family-run business in Essex.

He employed more than 500 people in 22 retail outlets across Essex and the south east.

Con, who died on Friday, opened the successful Choice discount retail outlet in Hadleigh almost 50 years ago.

Two weeks before his death he was presented with the British Empire Medal by Baron Petre, Lord Lieutenant of Essex at Ingatstone Hall.

YA reporter Suzi Muston met him several times at Choice head office in Rectory Road, Hadleigh. He told her: "I grew up in Stepney into a family of dockers. I didn't want to become a docker, I wanted to get into retail."

"I was the first boy in our family who didn't follow suit and the older men took the mickey a bit as they saw fashion as a bit girly, so I really had to prove I made the right decision."

He started as a teenage van driver and his gift for trading, honed on the streets of the East End, served him well and he



**AWARD: Kath and Con Donovan with his British Empire medal**

found more work in Essex.

Con said: "Essex was a fantastic place to trade. The best area was Southend, it was incredible. It was so good, Kath and I decided to leave the East End in 1961 and move to Benfleet."

Con was described affectionately by staff who said he had "old school family values" and was known to have helped to pay the funeral costs for staff who had lost a family member.

Staff also had the opportunity to win a fantastic prize every day with lavish overseas holidays paid for by Con.

The business is now run by three of Kath and Con's chil-

dren, David, Mark, Phillip and Neil. Con's legacy now sees his shops not only selling men, women's and children's clothes but also shoes, jewellery, beds, sofas, tables, mirrors, pictures, garden furniture, lighting and more.

Liz Marshall was Con's personal assistant for more than 18 years and headed up the firm's human resources department.

She said: "Con never lost his roots, he knew what it was like to have nothing. He was extremely kind and thoughtful and would help all the staff in any way he could."

Deborah Duncan worked closely with Con for more than 10 years.

Deborah, who oversees the firm's accounts and maintenance, said: "It's a very sad time for us here. Kath, Con's daughter Frances and the boys have all been in and it's been lovely to see them all."

"As we are quite a small office, everyone cares about each other and knows what's going on."

Con and Kath raised substantial amounts of money over the years for charities including Thundersley's Little Havens Hospice, Southend Mind and Lady McAdden Breast Screening Trust.

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Experience culinary flavours from around the world with timeless dishes such as Waldorf salad, vegetable tagine, and raisin and rice pilaf, that are healthy, quick and easy to make.

To watch Cathryn cook up these simply delicious recipes, take a look at the following YouTube videos.

Waldorf salad:

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Vegetable tagine:

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Raisin and rice pilaf:

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For more information and recipes, please visit [www.sun-maid.co.uk/recipes/recipe-videos](http://www.sun-maid.co.uk/recipes/recipe-videos)

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# Halloween outfit warning issued

THE ESSEX Fire Service has issued a warning about children's Halloween costumes.

Firefighters urged parents to take care when selecting kids' outfits.

The plea comes one year after TV presenter Claudia Winkleman's daughter suffered serious burns when her Halloween costume caught light.

Divisional officer Neil Fenwick said: "Every year on Halloween many adults and children are injured in accidents where lighted candles or fireworks have come into contact with costumes."

"These costumes can be extremely flammable, especially if they involve plastic bin liners, so it is important to take extra care with naked flames."

"Pumpkin lanterns can also be dangerous. It is important to make sure that candles in them are properly secured and that the lanterns are fully extinguished when no one is in the room our best advice is use candles effect LEDF lights. They are a far safer alternative to naked flames."

A fire service spokesman added: "Recently the dangers posed by children's fancy dress costumes, which can easily and



**SCARE:** Claudia Winkleman's daughter suffered serious burns when her Halloween costume caught light last year

quickly catch fire, have been highlighted.

"Currently, children's fancy dress costumes are classified as toys rather than clothes and are not covered by the same safety regulations. There is no requirement for them to be fire-proofed or fire retardant."

"Essex County Fire and Rescue Service has joined callers from the Chief Fire Officers' Association for this classification to be changed so that fancy dress costumes are subject to the same safety standards as children's night-clothes."

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# Priory's political link to Agincourt

heavily outnumbered.

Although the monks at the priory were English and led

from Lewes in East Sussex, their administrative headquarters were in France.

The Abbot of Cluny at Cluny Abbey in Burgundy was in overall charge of hun-

dreds of Cluniac monasteries across Europe – including Prittlewell Priory.

Southend Museums' education officer Rob Colby-Blake said representatives from different priories would travel to Cluny Abbey for annual gatherings to receive instructions.

He said: "At the time, French monastic orders in England had to give money to the crown to help support the army – a tough test of loyalty when the English were fighting the French.

"Some priories couldn't, or wouldn't pay, and were therefore forced to close down.

"The flourishing Prittlewell Priory, which was making the tidy sum of £100-£150 a year, was able to pay its dues and therefore stay open."

Prittlewell Priory Museum, Priory Park, Victoria Avenue, Southend, is open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10am-5pm and on Sundays from 11am-4pm. Admission is free. Southchurch Hall in Southchurch Hall Close, built between 1321 and 1364 was a moated manor house at the time of Agincourt.

Call 01702 215011 or visit: [www.southendmuseums.co.uk](http://www.southendmuseums.co.uk).



SAVED: Rob Colby-Blake, Southend Museums' education officer, dressed as one of Henry V's Agincourt troops outside Prittlewell Priory

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# Essex archers at Agincourt



OCTOBER 25 marked the 600th anniversary of Henry V's famous victory over the "Flower of France" at Agincourt in 1416.

One of the enduring legacies of Henry's against-all-odds triumph was the two-fingered V-sign. Legend has it that if captured, the French would cut off the index and middle fingers of English or Welsh longbowmen's right hands, thus depriving them of two of the three digits needed to draw their weapon.

Closer to home and similarly shrouded in the mists of time, the impressive tower of St Nicholas' Church in Canewdon, near Rochford, is said to have been built by Henry V in thanksgiving for his victory at the Battle of

Agincourt.

For a more tangible sense of Essex's role in the battle, a visit to Hedingham Castle makes for a great day out.

Even today, the Norman keep and castle grounds would still look familiar to its then owner, Richard de Vere.

By the time he was 30 years old, his wealth and position at court, meant that he was one of the commanders with Henry on the field of battle in 1415. De Vere also supplied 39 men-at-arms and 60 of the decisive, battle-winning archers.

Today, de Vere's descendants still live at Hedingham Castle and regularly host vivid and exciting re-enactments of medieval jousting tournaments.

A wonderful stone effigy of

de Vere, in full armour, and lying next to his second wife Alice Sergeaux now rests in St Stephens' Chapel, outside the village of Bures.

At the Essex Record Office in Chelmsford you don't need to be a professional historian like David Starkey or Simon Schama to see some of the fascinating documents and artefacts that illustrate English life in the 15th century.

To mark the anniversary of Agincourt, the office has created a small exhibition of objects and records that date back to the time of the battle.

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## Councillors reveal their human side

SO, after all, councillors are human. The recent debate at Southend Council about a dry and fussy issue of governance was given great meaning by a number of councillors, but brave Councillor Ann Holland took hold of the issue and gave it total reality.

Bullying was confronted and I pleaded that we let the thoughts opened by this debate settle and teach us something.

There were tears from the leader about neighbours who won't talk to him and allegations that he gets ignored by MPs.

It was a first and sitting in silence were some very uncomfortable councillors who either feared speaking out or are in ignorance to the experiences of others – another day in local politics has passed.

**Cllr Mark Flewitt**  
*Leigh-on-Sea*

## Dilemma of giving power to councils

IT was reported in the news that Terry Cutmore, the leader of Rochford District Council, has received few complaints about the street lights being turned off during the night.

This is not surprising as

most residents realise that Rochford District Council is not responsible for street lighting, Essex County Council is.

Has he not noticed the amount of opposition to the switch-off or is it that he just does not care? I am sure that the few people that like the lights turned off would soon change their minds if something nasty happened to them.

I have written a number of times on this subject and I am still strongly against this measure for many reasons, but it's not something you can keep banging on about without becoming boring.

After reading Councillor Cutmore's comment, I am now not sure that devolving powers to Rochford District Council would be any better than leaving them with Essex County Council which already ignores residents' wishes.

**Alan James Hockley**

## Asset-selling Tories don't like Britain

WHAT have the Conservatives done for us? Under Margaret Thatcher British Telecom, British Gas, bus services, Rolls Royce, British Airways, British Steel, water companies, British Railways, British Coal (after closing pits from 184 to 15) were all privatised and remaining shares in British Aerospace sold.

Under David Cameron, Royal Mail and the Channel

Tunnel were privatised, RBS and Lloyds bank shares sold off cheaply, social housing is being sold off, and the NHS is suffering a thousand cuts and is being sold off to the private sector.

Much of the previously state owned assets are now in foreign hands. The proceeds of sale have all been spent – largely on reducing tax rates for the richest – and our national debt is the highest it has ever been and is increasing. Could it be that the Tories don't like Britain or the British?

**Les Harrington**  
*Benfleet*

## Seniors can't get to Festival Leisure

IF you are of a certain age you may have the same problem as me in being able to get to Basildon Festival Park by bus from Basildon Bus Station in order to go to the cinemas or one of the restaurants there.

There is no bus service to get there. Taxis are too expensive and walking could finish you off. Letters have been written to Councillor Phil Turner, Basildon Council and John Baron MP and First Buses about the problem. Their answers were along the line of unsustainability; due to lack of users of the service.

The extension to Ghyllgrove took the best part of six years at a cost of £750,000. I would like to know if this was a

waste of taxpayers' money, as the project does not fulfil the needs of elderly users like me and others without their own transport or the means to pay for a taxi.

The publicity about the original bus service must have been pathetic if there was any.

The Basildon Festival Park is having a facelift, isn't that nice. I would like to enjoy it.

Is there nothing that can be done or is it just a case of "hard luck?" If this situation affects you, phone or write to somebody.

**Ron W Francis**  
*Noak Bridge*

## 'Cinderella' Laindon needs help

AT the last full Basildon Council meeting, the leader defended his council's actions on the supposed regeneration of the district.

He claims that as a Basildon-born lad, he had never, for example, seen Pitsea looking better. He challenged anyone to view Pitsea and then not agree. I have taken the challenge and cannot understand from whence his opinions come. I remember the market

being a vibrant busy trading area. I venture to suggest the area now called a market fails to meet the previous success criteria. Where are the hordes of people queuing to use the swimming pool? Oh, not a chance. The pool was sacrificed on the altar of regeneration otherwise known as supermarket ambitions.

He claimed that Laindon shopping area was improved since Swan Housing became involved, with the site being more attractive. Again I challenge that opinion.

I looked in vain for the "over-painted graffiti". As far as I could see the walls, chimney vent stacks and approach walkways and rear walls are still covered in "artwork"

He claims that Swan has solved the problem and cleaned up pigeon mess. The birds flying away from under my feet looked and sounded like pigeons.

The centre of the pedestrian area still floods when it rains and the rubble still remain.

The only thing obvious was the removal of overhanging branches on the approach paths, and the removal of rubbish, welcome but hardly huge improvements.

Laindon is still the Cinderella section of the borough, neglected, run-down

and, despite promises from him and predecessors, with no clear plans for improvement.

The claims that all interested parties are being consulted over possible redevelopment is wrong. Despite my obvious and well known interest in seeing development in the interests of Laindon, and having made sure my name was on lists of interested parties, not once has anyone contacted me to discuss plans.

Like Cllr Hillier indicated in his speech to council, I fear that the incorporation of Swan Housing as a development partner will lead to plans being drawn up, and supported by officers with no real knowledge of Laindon, for development which will be mainly housing, with shops being a minor part of the scheme.

The longer those with a vision for a vibrant and necessary shopping centre are ignored, the more obvious it becomes that the only views being sought are those that coincide with the plans of a housing association.

I issue my challenge to the leader, show me and other sceptics the improvements he erroneously claims have taken place with details of what has been lost as a result of "regeneration".

**Victor T York**  
*Laindon*

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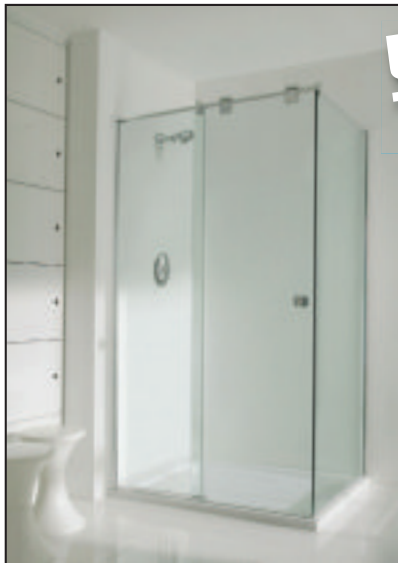
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# MP duped over 'drug' will sit on committee

By Suzi Muston

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SOUTHEND West Conservative MP David Amess has been appointed as chairman of the Government's psychoactive substances bill committee.

Mr Amess, 63, was duped into believing a made-up drug called cake was a threat to society in 1997.

At the time, the YA, along

with the nation's media, reported how Mr Amess referred to the fictitious drug as 'a big yellow death bullet' during Channel 4's satirical show Brass Eye. He was one of many high profile celebrities who spoke out against the bogus drug that made people 'cry out all the water from their body or vomit up their own pelvis bones'.

Despite the incident, Mr Amess will head up the

Government's psychoactive substances committee.

During the TV programme, Mr Amess said: "Look at that, a £100,000 in the pocket of the filth that sells it. A big yellow death bullet in the head of some poor user – or custard gannet as the dealers call them."

Mr Amess even posed questions about the bogus drug to Parliament during Prime Minister's question

time. At the time, it was reported Parliament thought Mr Amess was referring to a psychedelic drug called Methylenedioxybenzylamphetamine.

A spokesman for Mr Amess was keen to point he was not the Government's new drug czar. She said: "All he is doing is facilitating the discussions of this committee. He is not taking part in the work of the committee."



TRICKED: Tory MP David Amess was duped into believing a made-up drug called cake was a threat to society in 1997

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**ENDURING APPEAL:** Beach huts at Thorpe Bay and right, a hut with a Punch and Judy twist



# Bolt-holes by the sea

**By Suzi Muston**

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SOUTHEND'S beach hut brigade clearly take pride in their little wooden properties by the water's edge.

The array of colourful huts are in stark contrast to the uniform abodes found in most English sea-side towns.

Clearly hut owners in Southend and Thorpe Bay have a sense of humour.

One hut proudly displays the name Haddocks Plaice. Another is a take on the Punch and Judy puppet show kiosk and is emblazoned with the names of its owners, Peter and Judi.

On Friday the *Yellow Advertiser* visited Thorpe Bay and took photographs of some of the best looking beach huts.

A couple there who owned a hut admitted that they preferred using it during the winter.

Pam and Michael Jarod from Shoeburyness

said they have had their hut for more than 10 years. Pam, 63, said: "It's much better here in the winter. We have the beach virtually to ourselves – it's lovely. We do use it of course during the summer – the grandchildren love it."

Michael, 65, added: "Our friends think we are daft coming here in winter, but it's our little get-away."

"We sit here have a cup of tea and slice of cake and may play a game of chess while watching the boats go by."

Beach huts are in vogue – even Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards has one.

Prices for the UK's 20,000 or so beach huts have soared in tandem with rising house prices.

Beach huts started life as bathing machines – small huts on wheels pulled to the sea to preserve Victorian bathers' modesty.

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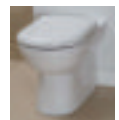
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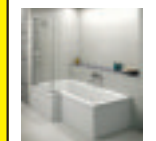
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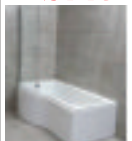
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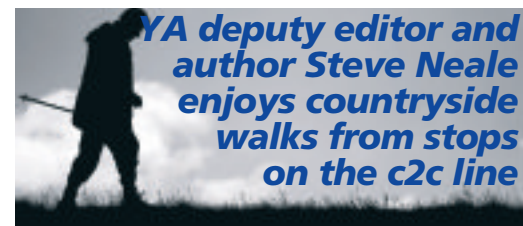
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**DISTANCE: 7.8 miles**  
**TIME: 2-4 hrs**  
**TERRAIN: Easy Climb**  
**HISTORY: The Pigeon Mount, a few hundred metres east of Jury Hill; a man-made mound that was found in 1995 to have an octagonal foundation (51.583423, 0.34011483)**

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There's not much to concern the ramblers in these parts, although navigating the deafening A127 from West Horndon Station to Brentwood can be hazardous. Signs encourage motorists to be wary of pedestrians. I saw no slowing as I stepped across. Risk and reward.

The climb up Jury Hill is gentle. From on top, the A127 is the same river of fumes and speeding metal.

It still cuts across the landscape like a violent criminal. But it doesn't dominate as you'd expect it might from down there.

The road passes in silence; its frightening rattle and hum smothered by the blanket of green and clean air.

On the other side of the valley, are Jury Hill's more impressive sisters, Langdon Hills, beside the River Thames. T

hese vertical tracks once connect-

**COLOUR:** Woodland around Jury Hill in autumn



ed the Thames to Brentwood, before panning north towards Old England's most important settlement: Colchester.

As it was a dull afternoon on Thursday, I spent most of it walking and taking photos of hornbeams. That's why we like trees so much, I

think. Beautiful, even in the death. Nothing is more inspiring than standing on the shoulders of giants. Especially in autumn.

● *Stephen Neale is an award winning, outdoor writer, and author of Wild Camping, published by Bloomsbury.*

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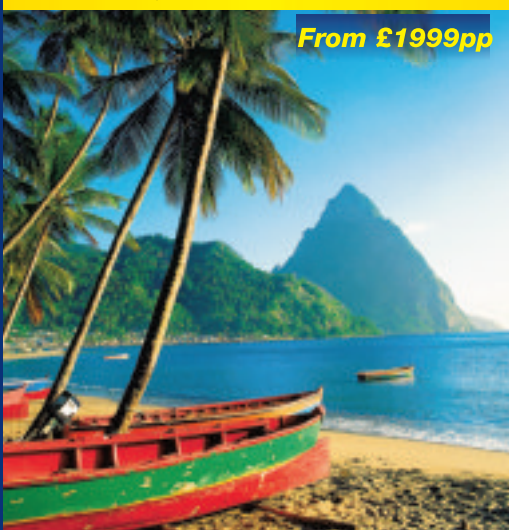
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The Blues community and education arm was given £10,000 from a national charity to help local youngsters keep active through after-school clubs, and as a bonus some first team players went along to add encouragement.

Sixty pupils from Canvey Junior School, who have already completed the project, went to Roots

Hall to collect certificates and give feedback on the scheme, last Tuesday.

Heart Research UK's aim is to teach 10 to 11-year-olds to keep their hearts healthy through a healthier lifestyle.

The charity acted after national figures showed 68% of boys and 76% of girls failed to meet the recommended level of physical exercise, with some children beginning to show signs of heart disease.

So far, the project which is in its

final stages, has reached around 500 children in the South East Essex area, including children from schools in Benfleet, Canvey Island, Hadleigh and Thundersley.

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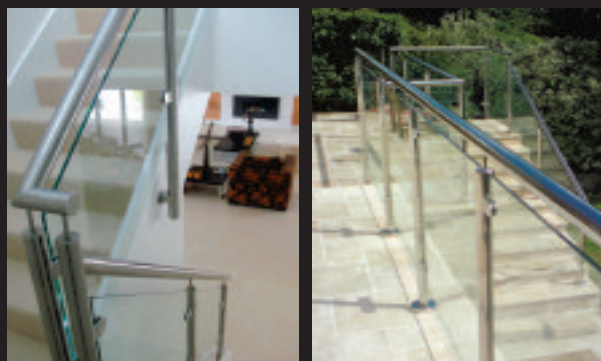
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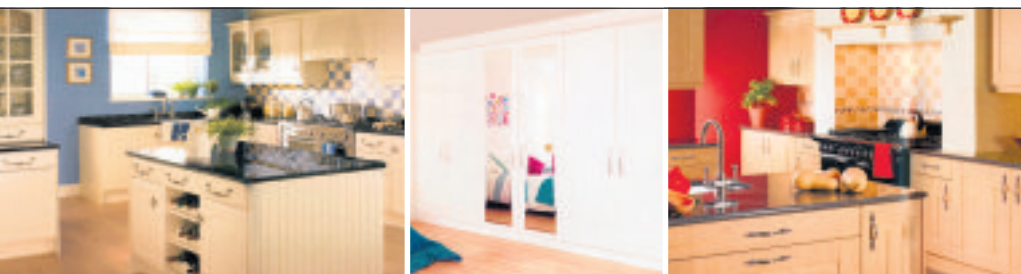
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# PrimeTime

**What's on and what's coming**

## SWEENEY IS CUT ABOVE THE REST

By **LIZ WADE**

**E**NTER the grim world of 19th century London at Southend's Palace Theatre this November when demon barber, Sweeney Todd, brings his grisly tale to the stage.

Benjamin Barker has returned to the capital following 15 years

transportation to Australia on trumped-up charges. After serving his sentence handed out by corrupt Judge Turpin, who banished Barker to the other side of the world in order to seduce his wife, he returns as Sweeney Todd.

Todd discovers that his wife, Lucy, committed suicide and their daughter, Johanna, is now a ward of Turpin, so plots his revenge on the corrupt judge.

But after encountering meat pie shop owner Nellie Lovett, Todd's plans escalate as more and more Londoners become the filling for Mrs Lovett's pies.

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street is a 1979 musical thriller with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by Hugh Wheeler.

The musical, based on the 1973 play Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street by Christopher Bond, is being brought to the stage at Palace Theatre by Southend Operatic and Dramatic Society.

The society – which is affectionately known as SODS – was founded in 1890 and is still going strong.

As one of the country's oldest operatic and dramatic societies members are making sure their

125th anniversary year is one to remember.

"We wanted to make sure that our 125th year was commemorated in a fitting way and we have been doing just that," said SODS' spokesman Paul Alton.

"The success of our spring production of Carousel was followed up by winning two awards from amateur theatre's national body, NODA.

"We have held a 125th anniversary party and are performing at a range of events this summer before rounding off the year with Sweeney Todd and a ball."

The society started performing popular Victorian shows and has continued staging operettas and musicals ever since, with the only hiatuses being during the First and Second World Wars.

During that time the society has forged a reputation for producing high quality shows, attempting to break new ground while also staging much-loved West End and Broadway classics.

That philosophy was at the forefront of SODS' committee's thinking when it came to choosing the society's anniversary shows.

"We wanted to start off with a classic for our spring production and decided on Carousel, one of Rodgers and Hammerstein's



**Les Cannon as Sweeney Todd**

biggest hits," added Paul.

"SODS had great successes with La Cage aux Folles, which marked our return to the Palace Theatre in Westcliff-on-Sea in 2013, and Sister Act, and the committee wanted to have a similar challenge for our autumn production.

"That's why we chose the Stephen Sondheim masterpiece Sweeney Todd, which can certainly

be described as a challenge.

"But everyone in the society is really excited to be staging the show and there's a real buzz around the society as a result."

The society is always eager to attract enthusiastic and talented new members, so anyone aged 16 and over who can sing, dance and act are welcome to audition.

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**Maddy Lahna as Johanna**

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## PrimeTime

## film review

# Spectre fails on spectacle

**SPECTRE (12A, 148 mins)**

**D**ANIEL Craig's licence to kill as Ian Fleming's suave secret agent comes full circle in this robust yet emotionally underpowered tale of espionage and dark family secrets that ends with a series of whimpers rather than an almighty bang.

If Skyfall popped a cork on a muscular new era for 007, becoming the highest grossing film of all time in the UK, then Spectre is the morning after, when the champagne has gone flat, snacks are starting to go stale and someone has fallen asleep face down on the sofa.

That could be any of the four screenwriters, who doze off after the tour-de-force opening sequence and allow plot holes and lapses in logic to pock their narrative.

How can Bond travel around the globe unseen when he has nanobots in his blood so MI6 and the enemy can track his movements?

Would a brilliant operative like Q really whip out his laptop on public transport and conduct vital forensic analysis without a second thought for security protocols?

Death sequences are anti-climactic and the central love story, barely smoulders.

M. (Ralph Fiennes), battles with political forces, including Max Denbigh (Andrew Scott), to protect the integrity of MI6 following a merger with MI5.

A cryptic message reveals ghosts from Bond's past and 007 follows a chain of evidence that leads to Dr Madeleine Swann (Lea Seydoux), daughter of fugitive Mr White (Jesper

Christensen), who was last seen in Quantum Of Solace.

Aided by technical wizard Q (Ben Whishaw) and agent Eve Moneypenny (Naomie Harris), Bond criss-crosses the globe in his Aston Martin DB10, infiltrating a menacing organisation named SPECTRE, fronted by the enigmatic Franz Oberhauser (Christoph Waltz).

Rome, Tokyo, Altaussee in Austria, Tangier and London provide a picturesque backdrop to Bond's escapades as he meets his physical match in henchman Mr Hinx (Dave Bautista). Spectre was always going to struggle to meet expectations, but it's disappointing just how far short this 24th outing falls.

At 148 minutes, the film overstays its welcome and a number of key scenes over-run, particularly the introduction of Waltz's shadowy archvillain.

Action set pieces, apart from the glorious opening salvo, lack power, sacrificing slam-bang thrills for ponderous exposition.

Craig struts and swaggers through the

melee, bedding beauties who seemingly self-combust with a single glance.

Dame Judi Dench's absence is palpable, but Fiennes and Whishaw are gifted expanded roles and come into their own, while Harris is surplus to requirements.

When one of the characters rebukes Bond's recklessness and tells the agent he has gone too far, nothing could be further from the truth. Spectre doesn't go far enough.

**Released: October 26  
RATING: 6/10**



**Daniel Craig as James Bond**

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Society members also believe that their great productions are not limited to the performances on stage.

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Anyone interested in getting involved in the society can visit [www.southendoperatic.co.uk](http://www.southendoperatic.co.uk).

So far this year SODS members have performed songs from their shows at the Village Green and Leigh Maritime festivals, at the Southend Blind Welfare

Organisation's vintage tea party, at Southend Arts Council's open day and at the Royals Shopping Centre.

Plans for future productions include Hello, Dolly! and Lend Me A Tenor in 2016, and Oklahoma and Oliver! in 2017.

■ For tickets to see Sweeney Todd at the Palace Theatre, from Wednesday to Saturday, November 11 to 14, call the box office on 01702 668026 or visit [www.southendtheatres.org.uk](http://www.southendtheatres.org.uk) or [www.southendoperatic.co.uk](http://www.southendoperatic.co.uk).

Please note this show is recommended for ages 14 and over due to some adult content that younger children might find upsetting.



# Liz At Large

## Displays set to light up the sky

**YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about**



A WIDE range of fireworks displays will be lighting up the skies over the coming week so make sure you get to at least one of them.

### **Billericay Fireworks Display: Saturday, November 7.**

Billericay Round Table's event will take place at Lake Meadows park. Gates open at 5.30pm. The main display is at 8pm. [www.billericayfireworks.co.uk](http://www.billericayfireworks.co.uk)

### **Royal Gunpowder Mills, Waltham Abbey: Saturday and Sunday, November 7 and 8.**

The Royal Gunpowder Mills will be hosting two event, both from 2pm, with 15-minute fireworks displays at 7pm. [www.royalpowdermills.com](http://www.royalpowdermills.com)

### **Abridge Fireworks: Sunday, November 1.**

Includes a funfair from 4pm and a display at 7.30pm. Tickets on the gate cost £5 for adults and £3 for children. [www.abridgefireworks.co.uk](http://www.abridgefireworks.co.uk)

### **Arena Essex Firecracker: Sunday, November 1.**

Arena Essex Raceway, off Arterial Road, Purfleet, will be holding an open banger meeting culminating

with a giant firework display. [www.arena-essex-raceway.co.uk](http://www.arena-essex-raceway.co.uk)

### **Rettendon Fireworks: Thursday, November 5.**

Friends of Rettendon School will be hosting a firework display at Whitehouse Farm, Main Road, Rettendon Common. Gates open at 6pm. Tickets cost £5 on the gate or £4 in advance.

### **The Rayleigh Lions Firework Spectacular: Saturday, November 7.**

Gates to the event at King George's Playing Field, Rayleigh, open at 5.30pm. Tickets cost £5 in advance or £7 on the gate. [www.rayleigh-lions.org.uk](http://www.rayleigh-lions.org.uk)

### **Southend Seafront: Saturday, October 31, and Saturdays, November 7 and 14.**

Every Saturday until November 14 see the fireworks extravaganza which was enjoyed by so many last autumn. The free event takes place at 7.30pm each Saturday. [www.southend.gov.uk](http://www.southend.gov.uk)

### **Big Beach Bang Fireworks**

### **Spectacular, Shoeburyness: Saturday, November 7.**

Gates open on East Beach at 6pm. Tickets to the event, organised by Southend Round Table, cost £5 in advance or £6 on the gate. [www.bigbeachbang.com](http://www.bigbeachbang.com)

### **Belchamps Fireworks Event, Hawkwell: Saturday, November 7.**

The event, at Belchamps Scout Activity Centre in Holyoak Lane, starts at 5pm. [www.bigbeach-bang.com](http://www.bigbeach-bang.com)

### **South Woodham Ferrers Fireworks Spectacular: Saturday, November 7.**

The Rotary Club of South Woodham Ferrers will be staging the event at Marsh Farm. It starts at 5.30pm and will offer fairground rides, food stalls and beer tent. [www.swfspectacular.co.uk](http://www.swfspectacular.co.uk)

### **Chelmsford Fireworks: Saturday, November 7.**

Chelmsford Round Table Charity Fireworks will take place at Admirals Park, in Rainsford Road. Gates open from 4.30pm. [www.chelmsfordfireworks.com](http://www.chelmsfordfireworks.com)



**SPECTACULAR:** A number of fireworks displays will be taking place next week

### **Barking Fireworks Display: Saturday, November 7.**

Barking Park, Longbridge Road. 6pm, including singer Sam Knight, with the fireworks at 8pm. £5 for adults and £1 for under 16s. [www.lbbd.gov.uk](http://www.lbbd.gov.uk)

### **Walthamstow Fireworks Display: Thursday, November 5.**

Chestnuts Field, Waltham Forest Town Hall Complex, Walthamstow. 7pm. Entry is via gates at Forest Road, Farnan Avenue and Spruce

Hills Road. [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk)

### **Basildon Round Table's Fireworks Spectacular: Thursday, November 5.**

Holy Cross Recreation Ground, Church Road, 6pm. Tickets cost £5 in advance from the tent opposite Primark on October 24 and 31, as well as from November 1-5, or buy online. Gate entrance will be £7. [www.basildonroundtable.com](http://www.basildonroundtable.com)

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## Saturday, October 31

- Basildon Saturday Club - For people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon. 01268 415409.
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- Dads and Kids Club - The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free entry for ages five to 17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club - St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am-noon, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Brush Strokes Art Group - Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class - St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz workshop - Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions).

## Sunday, November 1

- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz - Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 12.30pm. 01702 345247.
- Hockey & District Horticultural Society trading hut - 10am to noon for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
- Sunday School - The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10.

- Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation - Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church Southend - Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club - TGH Evangelical Church, Klin Road, Thundersley, (children aged three to 12), Bible stories, craft, singing, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club - Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, open to all, details Mo 07757 658799.

## Monday, November 2

- Basildon and Wickford Lions Club - We're looking for new members and meet on first Monday of month in Basildon and on third in Wickford from 8pm. Call 0845 833 5761.
- Ron Spack's Jazzet - Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Dave Jago, trombone, Dave Mascall, guitar. 8.30pm, 01702 512819.
- USA Riverside - 2pm, Pooles Lane Community Centre, Hullbridge, SS5 6PA. Speakers, trips and interest groups.
- Coffee Morning - Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon. All welcome.
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- Leigh Scrabble Club - 7-10pm. All standards. Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.
- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over-50s. Craft: 10am to noon, tai chi: 9.45am-12.30pm, 10am to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm, choir: 2.30-4pm, indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.
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- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh - welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.
- Short Mat Bowls - in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
- Indoor Short Mat Bowls - Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, details Ray 01268 777666.
- Indoor Bowls - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Mon 2-4pm, Tues 2.15-4.45pm, Wed 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
- Whist - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am to noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club - Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.
- Pensioners stall - York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.
- Evening of clairvoyance - Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, doors 7.30pm, £3, all profits to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.
- Healing in Basildon 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFHS healers, no charge, all donations to local hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.
- Development Healing Circle - Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of

- spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, details 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking - from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, details 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club - Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3 inc tea/coffee, call 01268 727915.

## Tuesday, November 3

- Tea & Toast - Thundersley Methodist Church, Kennington Avenue, Benfleet, SS7 4BS. 10am to noon - all welcome.
- Magic: The Gathering Club - play and trade, beginners welcome, Laindon Community Centre, SS15 6NX, 6-10pm email: BasildonMTG@hotmail.com.
- Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group - Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.
- Alzheimer's Society Men's Motivational Group - call 01702 345156 or 343121.
- Anchor Folk Club - Brooke Williams, 7-9 Northview Dr, Westcliff, 8pm, £8, 01702 715111.
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- Yoga Class - Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
- Social Dance Class - with instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashington & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.
- Table Tennis - 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
- Weekly Craft Group - Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Southend, 2.30-4pm. No charge. Emma 01702 471873.
- Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club requires new or experienced players - James Hornsby School, Laindon. First session free, call or text 07952 043456.
- Social Dance - 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff.
- Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
- Evening of clairvoyance - St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, Anne 01702 556470.
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■ Ladies Fellowship – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.  
■ The Puffer's Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.  
■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.  
■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2 enquiries Anne 01702 556470.  
■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30. 01268 465854.  
■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.  
■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.  
■ New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.  
■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.  
■ Bingo and Hov – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.  
■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Menap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.  
■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.  
■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.  
■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to five. 01702 577656.

## Wednesday, November 4

■ Belvedere Jazz & Music Club – Peter Grant in cabaret. 8pm The Chichester, Rawthorpe SS11 8UE. Tel: 07850 607075.  
■ TEDFAS (Thames Estuary Decorative and Fine Arts Society) meeting – The Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford, 10.30am and at 2pm. Abyssinia 3000 years of Ethiopian art and history. Visitors welcome. Info: 01702 479416 or 01268 771120.  
■ Mayflower Wine & social Club – Day Centre, Chantry Way, Billericay, 8pm, talk on the Fire of London, free entry. 01277652001.  
■ Leigh Travel Club – The Iveagh Hall, 67 Leigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea. Talk on Easter Island and Chile, Doors 7.30pm, £2. Details Lynda 01702 474475.  
■ South East Essex Ramblers – five-mile walk, Stambidge and fields, meet 10am, Stambidge layby outside nursing home, SS4 2AR. Details Ron 07903 291284.  
■ Sculpture, Stone Carving & Lettering – Traditional tools and professional tuition. 8-10pm, Studio Workshop, West Road, Shoeburyness. Jim Davis 01702 292867.  
■ Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group – Nazareth House, London Road, Southend, 1.30-4.30pm, details Janet Wagstaff 01702 312959.  
■ Pregnancy Yoga Class – Westwood Primary School, Hadleigh, 8-9pm. £6 per session. Details Linda 01702 552260.  
■ Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.  
■ Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk.  
■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm. Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.  
■ Leigh Singles Social Club – 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. www.leighsingles.co.uk for details.  
■ Activity Session for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.  
■ Graham's Social Tea Dance – Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet. Ballroom, Latin and sequence

dances for all abilities. 2-4.25pm, free car park, strictly over-18s, £4 per person. 01268 752473.  
■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.  
■ Barn Dance – Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.  
■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details Olive 01702 625069.  
■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all-weather green, free coaching given, call Chris 01268 419831.  
■ Breathing Exercise Group – run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehabilitation, call Honoria 01268 574390.  
■ Social ballroom and Latin dancing – Mill Hall, Rayleigh, 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob. 01702 544112.  
■ Health Walk – Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.  
■ Alanon, International/Worldwide Support Group – for families/friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, 7.30pm, (non-denominational).  
■ Pulse Drum Club – St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 3.45pm-4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.  
■ Over-50s session – Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Badminton and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £3.50 inc use of equipment. 01268 773100.  
■ Activity sessions – The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, for children with special needs, aged five to 18, free entry, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.  
■ Palace Writers Group – 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings, details Emily 01702 390472.  
■ Roche Art Group – St Teresa's Church Hall, 109 Ashington Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, details Gill 01702 421737.  
■ Advanced Computer Course – Pitsea Day Centre over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.  
■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

# what's on

## Thursday, November 5

■ Knit & Natter – St Clement's Church, The Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. 10.30-12.30pm.  
■ Wakening Spiritual Centre – Memorial Hall, High Street, SS3 0EF, 8pm. 01702 476087 or 07967 578871.  
■ Ferndale WI – Ferndale Community Hall, North Avenue, SS2 4ET, 2pm.  
■ Alzheimer's Society activity group – To book, call 01702 345156 or 343121.  
■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk.  
■ Carpet Bowls – Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 3.30-5.30pm, no experience necessary, £2 per session, joining fee £5, first session free.  
■ Thundersley Gardening Association – 7.45pm, Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thundersley, please bring exhibits, £3.  
■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s. Line dancing: 1-2pm, computer, £3: 1-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, bridge: 9.30am-12.30pm, ceramics: 1.30-3pm, £2, 01268 465854.  
■ Health Walk – Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods car park, details 01702 318121.  
■ Jive classes – Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.  
■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club – Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm, details Dee, 01268 565045.  
■ Westcliff National Spiritualist Church – Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, mediums demonstrate clairvoyance, 7.30pm.  
■ Pottery – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.  
■ Coffee, cake and chat – WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 2pm, details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.  
■ Stalls in outpatients dept – next to postbox, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, handknits etc, 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Key Hole Cancer Appeal.  
■ Tea Dance – St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4.15pm. 01268 770112.  
■ Ceramics – The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.  
■ Short Mat Bowls – Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, 7.30pm, details 01277 625027.  
■ Clairvoyance – Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoeburyness, 8-10pm, 01702 476087.  
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As well as freshly preparing an extensive range of traditional Indian cuisine Kamrul also serves a variety of specialities and recommended dishes to suit a range of tastes and mouth-watering offerings include Bombay sizzling tava, zinga delight and shashlik chicken masala.

Blue Chutney is not only the place to be to enjoy delicious food but also the venue to enjoy a variety of entertainment such as tribute nights.

Up-and-coming Tribute Nights, which include a delicious four-course set menu and cost from just £23.95 per person, include a tribute to Dame Shirley Bassey on Friday, October 30; Harry Cambridge as Luther Vandross on Friday, November 20 and Scott Elvis as Elvis Presley on Friday, November 27.

Entertainment evenings during December, which cost £22.95 and also include a delicious four-course set, include singers Stacy Parsons on Friday, December 4; Valentina on Saturday, December 5; Miss Morgan on Friday, December 11; Rachel Leach on Saturday, December 12; Steve Moyse on Friday, December 18; and Nadibella on Saturday, December 19.

Vocalist Valentina will also be providing the entertainment at the restaurant on New Year's Eve, when diners can enjoy a special set menu for just £34.95 per person.

The restaurant will also be serving a Boxing Day four-course banquet for just £15.95 for adults and £9.50 for children under 10.

Throughout the year diners are invited to party at Blue Chutney thanks to its drinks promotion every Wednesday and Friday evening. Enjoy a



starter, main course, side dish, rice or naan bread from the menu (king prawn £3.30 extra), as well as much drink as you want for one hour and 45 minutes. You must book your table in advance to enjoy this offer, which costs £20.95 per person on Wednesday and £25.95 on Fridays. Drinks include Cobra and Carling draught beer, wine by the glass, spirits – vodka, gin, brandy, and whisky – as well as Malibu, Baileys, Archers and soft drinks (excludes wines by the bottle and champagne, terms and conditions apply).

On Sunday and Thursday there is a five-course banqueting night to enjoy which includes one starter, any one main course, one side dish and

any one sundries, plus coffee, for only £10.95 on Sunday and £11.95 on Thursday. Again table booking is required.

The restaurant (which also offers a full take-away service with free local delivery) is open from noon to 2pm and from 5.30pm to 10.30pm, Monday to Thursday; from noon to 2pm and 5.30pm to 11.30pm on Friday and Saturday; and from 1pm to 10.30pm on Sunday.

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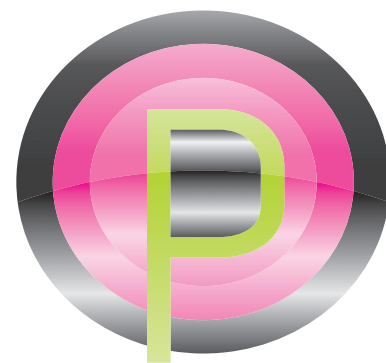


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**THUNDERSLEY**

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**A.** I'm afraid so. This is the so-called Right to Rent legislation, which applies to the entire country from 1st February 2016. Basically, it requires all private landlords in England - including people who sub-let or even just take in lodgers - to check that any new tenants have the right to be in the UK, before renting out their property to them. Failure to check could result in a fine of up to £3,000 per tenant, if they are subsequently found to be here illegally. The new rules are part of the Immigration Act 2014. A new Immigration Bill builds on the reforms in last year's Act, and proposes new measures to make it easier for landlords to evict illegal tenants. It also creates a new criminal offence targeted at unscrupulous landlords who repeatedly fail to carry out the proper right to rent checks. Under right to rent, landlords should check identity documents for all new tenants and take copies. A range of



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commonly available documents can be used. These basically fall into two main categories: 1) things like UK passports, current driving licences and official paperwork issued by HMRC or the Department of Work and Pensions which prove that the holder has the right to permanent residence in the UK, and 2) other types of document which are applicable to people who only have the right to stay in the UK for a limited amount of time. All new tenants - British citizens or not - will have to undergo these

checks, but people with a legitimate right to be here should (at least, according to the Government!) have no trouble proving it.

Needless to say, these new rules have received a mixed response - to put it mildly. Why landlords should effectively be made to do the work of the Border Agency is only one of the questions that have been raised, and pretty much ignored. Still, the fact remains that you and every other landlord will have to abide by the rules. The Government says it will be providing all landlords with guidance notes - but in the meantime, if you want to know more, you can check the Home Office website. Alternatively, of course, if you use a reputable lettings agent, they can do the checks for you.

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By Patrick James

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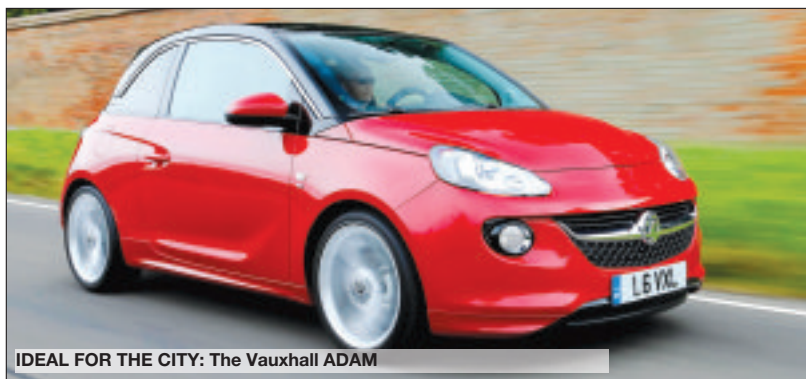
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This small car carries the Vauxhall styling cues of its siblings, but is right up there in the funky looks stakes. The customisation packs offer a choice of 12 body colours, 15 seat designs, 20 alloy wheel styles, three printed headliners and 18 interior décor panels.

A three-door hatch with four seats and just 3.7 metres long, it comfortably accommodates four people and features a zesty one-litre turbo-charged engine. The 113bhp unit, mated to a slick six-speed gearbox, is refined and quiet and is surprisingly muscular on the motorway where the small engine responds well and never feels like it is running out of steam.

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IDEAL FOR THE CITY: The Vauxhall ADAM

the city streets, where it is quick off the mark, hitting 62mph in just under 10 seconds – a real boon on congested city streets, as is the light, but responsive steering.

Fuel economy is impressive, with nearly 58mpg claimed, but not achieved in the real world, and CO2 emissions of 114g/km.

A 1.2 and 1.4-litre petrol engine are also available, but none fall below the 99g/km to exempt it from road tax and congestion charge.

The ride was firm, but otherwise it is a delight to drive. It looks good and, in my book, is just as good as the excellent Fiat

500.

It is amazing how a lack of a high-quality soft touch finish can be mitigated by a jazzy painted and plastic finish to dash and doors.

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### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

#### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 16A

#### (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING & TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE WAY TRAFFIC FLOW) (SPECIAL EVENTS)

#### (VARIOUS ROADS, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, LEIGH-ON-SEA & SHOE BURNNESS – SOUTHEND BOROUGH ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICES & PARADES 2015) ORDER 2015

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL hereby gives Notice that to allow for the **SOUTHEND BOROUGH ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICES & PARADES 2015** and because of the likelihood of the danger to the public, on **8TH NOVEMBER 2015**, it made an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1984 as amended by The Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1991, and of all other enabling powers, the effect of which will be to restrict traffic on **VARIOUS ROADS in SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, LEIGH-ON-SEA & SHOE BURNNESS** as detailed in the schedules below.

1. Whilst the restrictions are in place, no person may cause any vehicle to **ENTER, WAIT LOAD OR UNLOAD** on the various roads as listed in the Schedules below on **SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2015**.

#### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

#### SCHEDULE 1 TEMPORARY CLOSURE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Road	Section Affected	Duration of Closure
Westcliff Parade	Eastwards from its junction with Trinity Avenue to its junction with Wilson Road	From 09:45 hours to 12:30 hours
Cliffdown Parade	In its entirety	From 09:45 hours to 12:30 hours
Clifton Terrace	In its entirety	From 09:45 hours to 12:30 hours (Access to the area will be prevented by the other closures but access from the area will still be available via Devereux Road)
Prittwell Square	In its entirety	From 09:45 hours to 12:30 hours
Devereux Road	In its entirety	From 09:45 hours to 12:30 hours

#### SCHEDULE 2 TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING

Road	Side of Road	Duration of Prohibition
Cliffdown Parade	All of the southern section	From 08:00 hours to 12:30 hours
Cliffdown Parade	North side from Wilson Road To Prittwell Square	From 08:00 hours to 12:30 hours

#### LEIGH-ON-SEA

#### SCHEDULE 1 TEMPORARY CLOSURE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Road	Duration of Closure
Broadway Leigh-on-Sea – Leigh Hill to Broadway West	14:30 - 16:45 hours
Elm Road Leigh-on-Sea – Glendale Gardens to Broadway	14:30 - 16:45 hours
Rectory Grove – Lymington Avenue to Elm Road	14:30 - 16:45 hours
North Street – West Street – Elm Road	14:30 - 16:45 hours

Although the road closure have been scheduled for over two hours it is envisaged that the closure will be for no longer than 15 minutes at 14:40 hours and then 45 minutes between 16:00 and 16:45 hours

#### SCHEDULE 2 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE WAY TRAFFIC FLOW

Temporarily suspend the ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW, in NORTH STREET, between ELM ROAD and EAST STREET, FROM 14:30 HOURS TO 16:45 HOURS thereby introducing a temporary TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW, whilst this order is in force

#### SHOE BURNNESS

#### SCHEDULE 1 TEMPORARY CLOSURE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Road	Time of Closure
Campfield Road from Ness Road to West Gate	10:30 hours to 11:45 hours
New Garrison Road from Campfield Road to St Georges Lane	10:30 hours to 11:45 hours

Although the road closure for New Garrison Road has been scheduled for over an hour, the closure is likely to be no longer than 15 minutes, but because the times of the parade cannot be strictly controlled, it will be within that hour period

#### SCHEDULE 2 TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING

Road	Time of Prohibition
Campfield Road from Ness Road to West Gate	09:00 hours to 11:45 hours

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A Lewis  
Corporate Director for Place

Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue  
Southend-on-Sea SS2 6ER

Dated: 28th October 2015

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL (BERESFORD AREA PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME (ZONE D)) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS, PARKING PLACES AND PERMIT PARKING ZONE) ORDER 2012 (AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2015 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act"), as amended and part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act the effect of which will amend the above mentioned Parking Management Scheme Order, by the adding and deleting of the items listed in the Schedules below and also contains minor drafting amendments to the remaining schedules and the preamble.

A copy of the proposed Order, a map showing the roads to which the Order relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected at the Contact Centre on the ground floor of the Civic Centre (address below) during normal office hours and on the Council's website.

Any representations to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be sent in writing to the **Corporate Director for Place and marked for the attention of the Traffic Management & Road Safety Team at the address below by no later than 18th November 2015**.

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R TINLIN  
Chief Executive & Town Clerk

Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue,  
Southend-on-Sea, Essex: SS2 6ER

Dated: 28th October 2015

#### SCHEDULE 1 – Additions

The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Beresford Area Parking Management Scheme (Zone D)) (Waiting Restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zone) Order 2012  
Schedule 1 – 'Double Yellow and Single Yellow Lines'

Item No.	Road	Restriction
0043	Arnold Avenue	
	(a) West Side	
	(ii) from the north kerbline of Beresford Road northwards for a distance of 7.5 metres	A

The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Beresford Area Parking Management Scheme (Zone D)) (Waiting Restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zone) Order 2012

Schedule 3A – Shared Use Business Permit Holders Parking Places/Limited Time Waiting (Short Stay) Parking Places

Parking Place No.	Location of Designated Parking Place	Maximum number of parking bays	Maximum Period	No Return within
10519	ARNOLD AVENUE The west side From a point 7.5 metres north of the northern kerbline of Beresford Road, northwards to a point 30.5 metres north of the northern kerbline of Beresford Road, the northern extent of the parking management scheme boundary	1	30 mins	4 hrs
		No. of Bays		Special Manner Standing Vehicles
		1		Within the confines of the bay

The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Beresford Area Parking Management Scheme (Zone D)) (Waiting Restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zone) Order 2012

Schedule 3 – Limited Time Waiting (Short Stay) Parking Places

Parking Place No.	Location of Designated Parking Place	Maximum number of parking bays	Maximum Period	No Return within
10521	BURDETT ROAD The north-west side, From a point 5.5 metres north-east of the south-westernmost boundary of No 28 Eastern Esplanade south-westwards to a point 4.2 metres southwest of the north-easternmost boundary of No 28 Eastern Esplanade	3	30 mins	4 hrs
10522	BURDETT ROAD The north-west side, From a point 12.6metres southwest of the south kerbline of Beresford Road south-westwards for a distance of 28.6metres.	6	30 mins	4 hrs
10523	BEACH ROAD The north-west side, From a point 13.7metres north-east of the north kerbline of Eastern Esplanade north-eastwards to a point 4.8metres southwest of the north-eastern most boundary of No 7 Eastern Esplanade.	6	30 mins	4 hrs

#### SCHEDULE 2 – Revocations

The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Beresford Area Parking Management Scheme (Zone D)) (Waiting Restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zone) Order 2012

Schedule 3 – Limited Time Waiting – Parking Place Nos. 6213 & 6223

Schedule 4 – Loading & Unloading – Parking Place Nos. 10166 & 10167

### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL (Various Roads) (Consolidation of Waiting Restrictions) Order 2006 (as amended) (AMENDMENT NO. 8) ORDER 2012

Schedule 1 – No Waiting at Anytime

Arnold Avenue	From the north kerbline of Beresford Road northwards for a distance of 7.5m	West	24 hours daily
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Schedule 7 – Limited Waiting 20 Minutes in 1 Hour No Return in 4 Hours

Road	Description	Side of Road	Waiting Limited
Arnold Avenue	From a point 7.5m from the northern kerbline of Beresford Road northwards to a point opposite a point 5.8m south of the south kerbline of Northumberland Avenue	West	20 Minutes No Return in 4 hours 8.00 am to 5.00 pm daily

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING)  
(SPECIAL EVENTS)(SMITH STREET & CAMPFIELD ROAD, SHOEBOURNNESS  
- BIG BEACH BANG 2015 EVENT) ORDER 2015

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL hereby gives Notice that to allow for the BIG BEACH BANG 2015 EVENT and because of the likelihood of the danger to the public, on 7th NOVEMBER 2015, under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by The Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1991, and of all other enabling powers, the effect of which will be to restrict traffic on, SMITH STREET AND CAMPFIELD ROAD in SHOEBOURNNESS as detailed in the schedule below.

1. Whilst the restrictions are in place, no person may cause any vehicle to WAIT LOAD OR UNLOAD on the roads below on SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2015.

#### SCHEDULE 1 TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING

Road	Side of Road	Duration of Prohibition
Smith Street	Both Sides	07:00 hours to 21:00 hours
Campfield Road From Smith Street to Rosewood Lane	North Side	07:00 hours to 21:00 hours

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## BLUES DENIED BY LATE GOAL

### Southend United

**Gillingham 1 Southend United 1**  
By Rowland Lyons at the Priestfield Stadium

PHIL Brown's Shrimpers had to be content with a point after Doug Loft's freak last-minute strike denied the play-off hopefuls a deserved win on Saturday.

The Blues made a positive start and were rewarded when Joe Pigott found Stephen McLaughlin who drew Stuart Nelson and lobbed a fine effort home from the edge of the box, with barely 11 minutes on the clock.

Having only just pipped lowly Scunthorpe in midweek, the Gills struggled to break down an equally determined Southend rearguard, with Luke Prosser making the block of the half to deny Bradley Dack.

Southend – on the balance of play – certainly deserved to be further ahead and shortly after the lively Anthony Wordsworth had seen his angled drive flash inches wide, Ben Coker – in unfamiliar territory – tried his luck from his

half-cleared corner and Nelson was forced into another save.

On 27 minutes David Mooney appeared to be floored by John Egan when clear in on goal, but the referee waved play on much to the Irishman's frustration and the animated Southend bench.

Again, the league leaders offered little in reply before the break, with only a close-range Dack header barely stretching keeper Daniel Bentley.

But it was very much backs against the wall after the interval as Southend had to defend for their lives. A well-protected Bentley was rarely troubled until 85 minutes when he did well to fend off playmaker Dack's close range effort.

Southend, and the majority of a near-full Priestfield, thought they had inflicted a first home defeat of the season on former Blues' left-back Justin Edinburgh's side.

But sub Loft had other ideas and his 45-yard punt on 89 minutes swerved, beat Bentley in the air and cruelly bounced over the line.

A relieved Loft later admitted: "Southend are one of the better

teams we have played this season and they should be up there at the end of the season. But we probably deserved something out of the game and the goal showed our never-say-die attitude."

Brown added: "If you panic when you're playing the top-of-the-league team, then you've lost the battle before the start."

"Apart from the last few minutes of the game, we were on the front foot. We deserved to be further ahead, especially if the referee makes a strong decision over the penalty."

"Tuesday night [at Chesterfield] was an uncharacteristic performance. I really wanted to put it to bed – and we did – and showed what we are capable of. We just have to keep showing that more."

Skipper John White said: "Goals like that are always tough to take, especially in the last minute. But there are lots of positives we can take. Gillingham kept putting balls into the box and got that late goal back. That's kept them at them at top of the league, but it has gone against us."

He paid tribute to unlucky Bentley: "Freak goals happen. But look at the times he has kept us in games and won us countless games. He just has to keep his head up. He'll analyse it – and he'll want to get the goal out of his system and will come again stronger in the next game."

"We needed a real 'positive' after the result on Tuesday. We had to get back to basics and show what we could do again. Once we got the goal, we felt comfortable and the [home] fans started booing their team. But those things happen every now and then. We'll pick ourselves up and go again."

**Gillingham:** Stuart Nelson, Ryan Jackson (Emmanuel Osabede 81), John Egan (captain), Harry Lennon, Bradley Gammston (Doug Loft 71), Jermaine McGlashan, Bradley Dack, Aaron Morris, Jordan Hodgkinson (Cody McDonald 58), Brennan Dickinson, Rory Donnelly.

**Southend:** Daniel Bentley, John White (captain), Cian Bolger, Luke Prosser, Ben Coker, Ryan Leonard, Gary Deegan (Will Atkinson 64), Anthony Wordsworth, Stephen McLaughlin (Myles Weston 81), David Mooney (Glen Rea 78), Joe Pigott.

**Referee:** Ben Tonnes.  
**Assistants:** Neil Davies and Mark Mellor.  
**Attendance:** 6,983.

### Non-league round-up

## Cup dream goes on for Braintree

By Brian Jeeves

A GOAL in each half from Michael Cheek helped National League Braintree Town reach the first round of the FA Cup against plucky Ryman League One North outfit Harlow Town.

The Iron's 2-0 victory sees them join the region's Football League clubs Southend United, Leyton Orient and Dagenham & Redbridge. Braintree will play Oxford United at home, Southend are away at Scunthorpe, while Orient and Daggers are at home to Staines Town and Morecambe respectively.

But it was the end of the Wembley trail for two of our other clubs. George Purcell was on target for AFC Hornchurch, but it wasn't enough as the Ryman League went down 2-1 at National League Boreham Wood. Dean Holdsworth's Brentwood Town slipped to a disappointing 4-2 defeat at Didcot Town.

Craig Reid and former Colchester United man Jamie Guy fired Brentwood into a 2-0 lead, only for the hosts to hit back in spectacular style.

In the Ryman Premier Division Billericay Town enjoyed derby delight against East Thurrock United at New Lodge. Tom Derry grabbed a brace for Town with ex-Southend United defender Teddy Nesbitt also on target. Ryan Scott grabbed the Rock consolation.

There was a crowd of 471 at Park Lane for the clash between league leaders Canvey Island and third placed Dulwich Hamlet. Dan Sweeney and Jacob Erskine fired the visitors into a 2-0 half-time lead, before Glenn Poole halved the deficit after the break.

But the Gulls could not find an equaliser and Hamlet leapedfrogged them into top spot.

In Division One North Aveley won 3-0 against Witham Town at Mill Field, and there was a 3-1 win for Redbridge over Soham Town Rangers.

Brightlingsea Regent edged out Maldon & Tiptree, thanks to Luke Read's early goal. Lewis Sparrow and Jacob Cleaver were on target as Great Wakering Rovers started life without Dan Trenkel with a 2-2 draw at Waltham Abbey.

But there was little cheer for the region's other sides. Chinedu McKenzie found the net for Romford at Bury Town, but it was to no avail as the Suffolk side ran out 5-1 winners. And it was even worse for Heybridge Swifts who crashed 8-1 at home to Cheshunt. Billy Hunt with the solitary Swifts goal.

Barkingside endured a miserable afternoon, going down 3-1 to AFC Sudbury at the Cricklefield Stadium. Michael Spencer grabbed Barkingside's goal just after the break.

Game of the day in the Essex Senior League was at Lower Road where Hullbridge Sports and Clapton shared eight goals. Hullbridge had led 4-1 with little over 20 minutes to play, thanks to goals from Luke Hornsley (2) Kurtis Clarke and Rory Clark. But the east Londoners roared back for a share of the spoils.

Shonari Barnwell bagged a hat-trick for the Tons and Warren Mfula completed an incredible afternoon.

Basildon United were the ESL's big hitters, thrashing Greenhouse Sports by seven goals to two. Bradley Hunter (2), Lindisipho Mtshali (2), Bradley Warner (2) and Paul Shave were the Bees' goal men.

Elsewhere, Vincent Durrant and Lewis Manor were on target for league leaders Bowers & Pitsea who were held 2-2 at FC Romania, and there was a 3-2 win for Barking over Burnham Ramblers.

Joel Appiah grabbed a brace as London Bari saw off Southend Manor 2-0, while there were wins for Ilford, 2-1 at Waltham Forest, and Tower Hamlets, 2-0 over Eton Manor. Takeley and Sporting Bengal United played out a 1-1 draw.

Selected action in the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw White Ensign win their Premier Division clash at Springfield 4-0. Gary Ticehurst scored twice for Ensign, with Lee Delf and Jamie Brown completing the rout.

In Division One Basildon Town went down 3-1 at home to Leigh Ramblers. Reece Conway found the net for the New Towners.

## Saxons suffer in game littered with yellow cards

### Rugby

**Old Elthamians 38**  
**Southend Saxons 29**

By Alan Grace

SOUTHEND stuttered at Old Elthamians as they were bullied and unsettled by their experienced hosts.

Saxons started well enough when fly-half Brad Burr chipped over the top for Chris Vaughan to run on and touch down under the posts. Burr missed the conversion that sailed wide of the odd black and white coloured posts; they looked like vertical pedestrian crossings fading in and out of the backdrop.

Southend continued with this season's flowing rugby, frustrating their opponents who started to concede penalties and yellow cards. Off went back row Cullen for foul play quickly followed by prop Liffchak.

They were down to 13 men for nine minutes.

Saxons' skipper Mark Billings made hay of the situation and scored a typical winger's try as he scampered past tackles and went over in the corner. Burr again missed the conversion but Southend moved into a 10-point lead.

It didn't last long as Southend's match rusty Sam Fombo spilled the ball from the re-start and Old Es' flanker Lee Nelmes gathered and scored. Full-back White converted and they were back in the game at 7-10.

The rhythm of the game changed as Old Es began to spoil and disrupt. The already frustrated Fombo was soon yellow-carded for foul play and Old Es ran in a try from the resulting penalty.

Their number eight ran through the static Southend defence, White kicked the conversion and they moved into a 14-10 lead.

Minutes later Saxon Chesney was given his marching orders and it was Southend's turn to be reduced to 13 men. Within a minute they were down another seven points as Old Es' hooker Gavin McMeera touched down for his side's third try. White converted to make it 21-10.

The referee and one of his assistants were having a busy afternoon with flags and whistles dominating play so it was not long before yet another player saw yellow. This time it was Old Es' winger MacLoughlin. Now it was 14 v 13. It was enough to see McMeera score again just before half-time. It went unconverted but ensured the bonus point.

Southend came out in the second half trying to re-focus and succeeded as Krijin Twigg forced his way over the line for a Saxon try. Burr knocked over the conversion to reduce the difference to 26-17.

Play settled down but was still untidy from both sides until Old Es' winger MacLoughlin extended the lead again with a try.

Another from full-back White, converted by him, took Old Es away to an unassailable 38-17 lead.

Southend could only hope for bonus points and they set about securing them with some good attacking rugby for the last 15 minutes. They got their first with their fourth try courtesy of full-back Iain Meads, who is having a great season with six already. Burr's kick sailed wide.

With three minutes to go Saxons pressure was rewarded by a penalty try that Burr converted to make it 38-29. But that was it for Southend who returned home with only a C+ to show for their efforts.

The next game is at home to Barnes on November 7.

## Town punish errors as Gt Wakering are knocked for six

**Great Wakering Ladies 0**  
**Billericay Town Ladies 6**  
By Brian Jeeves

GREAT Wakering Ladies suffered their heaviest Eastern Region Women's Premier League defeat of the season against

much-fancied Billericay Town.

Great Wakering started the game positively, but a series of defensive errors were heavily punished by the visitors, who raced into a 4-0 lead by the interval.

The Villagers rallied after the

break, but it was Billericay who twice added to their tally, eventually running out comfortable winners.

Frustrated Great Wakering manager Paul Smith told *Yellow Sport*: "I was very disappointed with the girls. Too many are out of

form, at this level everyone has to be on there game."

"I have set the girls a challenge to get themselves fitter, as we play teams that are around us in the league. These are games we have to win."

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